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SUBJECT: BHUTTO VISIT

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1. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAS MADE FOLLOWING DECISIONS
RE ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO
WASHINGTON:

(A) HE SEES NO NEED FOR HURRY ON PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT
AND IS WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH PREFERENCE OF DEPARTMENT
AS STATED IN PARA ONE OF ABOVE REFTEL. WE WILL THEREFORE
LEAVE INITIATIVE TO DEPARTMENT TO GIVE US PROPOSED DATE AND
TEXT.

(B) HE HAS TAKEN NOTE OF DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS RE
SIZE OF PARTY, BLAIR HOUSE ACCOMMODATIONS, ETC., AS GIVEN
IN PARA TWO REFTEL. HE WILL WANT TO BRING PARTY LARGER
THAN FOURTEEN, INCLUDING SOME POLITICIANS FOR DOMESTIC
PURPOSES, BUT YAKUB KHAN WILL ARRANGE FOR HOTEL
ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE REMAINDER, WITH COST PAID
BY GOP.

(C) HE PLANS TO ARRIVE BY CHARTERED PIA AIRCRAFT
IN WASHINGTON IN THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 4.

(D) ARRANGEMENTS AS GIVEN IN DEPTEL 271618 FOR
FEBRUARY 5 QUITE SATISFACTORY.

(E) HE APPRECIATES OFFER TO REMAIN IN BLAIR HOUSE
ON THE 6TH. PAK EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE FOR RECEPTION
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(STILL SLIGHT POSSIBILITY OF DINNER) AT HOTEL IN WASHINGTON.

(I HAVE GIVEN THEM MY OWN ASSUMPTION THAT THE PRESIDENT
WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD, OF COURSE,
BE VERY GOOD FOR US IF HE COULD.)

(F) HE WILL DEPART MORNING OF FEBRUARY 7 FOR CANADA.
SIDE TRIPS SUCH AS NEW YORK AND/OR BOSTON NO LONGER PLANNED.
CHILDREN AT HARVARD AND RADCLIFFE WILL THEREFORE JOIN THEM IN
WASHINGTON.

(G) FYI: HE PLANS TO BE IN CANADA ON THE 7TH AND
8TH, DEPARTING CANADA ON 9TH FOR DIRECT RETURN HERE WITH OVER-
NIGHT STOP-OVER SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE.

2. AGHA SHAHI AND I AGREED, NOW THAT THE MAIN OUTLINES OF THE
VISIT ARE DETERMINED, THAT FURTHER DETAILS COULD PROBABLY
BE MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY HANDLED BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT
AND THE PAK EMBASSY.

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